

Crime in New York Outrages "Wild West"

New York, Jan. 7.—New York has thrown away its nickel novel of 1920, to begin reading the 1921 thriller of Dead Man's Gulch moved into Broadway and the Black Hills set down on Fifth Avenue somewhere between the Waldorf-Astoria and 42nd street.

With something like 400 robberies and "stickups" on newspaper lists of crimes for the past year, and more than 100 murders and killings set down by news offices as "unsolved," the New Year has had set for it a penny-dreadful record it will take two-run men from Cozy Canyon a lifetime's endeavor to beat.

A ride from the Grand Central in a taxicab now is conceded by leading papers of the city to have nothing on a

trip in the Deadwood Stagecoach and the big city hotels and restaurants loom up as cheery the Santa Fe Saloon in the Wild West days of the six-gun toter and the Bad Boy Bandits of Bloody Hollow. Twenty police riflemen patrol the streets at night in automobiles. The curfew rings out at midnight when Central Park is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and all persons abroad must give account of themselves when asked.

In the past month judges on the criminal courts bench have urged formation of "citizens' committees on a par with the vigilantes of the frontier before it was accused of moving back east to metropolitan centers. The mayor has warned all persons carrying or possessing valuables to procure permits to arm themselves against highwaymen and the police have tried to get back to something like first principles in life and property protection.

Crimes have been chronicled as though they were robbery and murder cycles, and the subway newspaper reader has had all the thrill of riding the Overland Limited in the days when Jesse James and his gang held no prairie railroad immune from their ravages.

Estimates have placed about \$4,000,000 as the total value of loot obtained by burglars, thieves and gunmen in New York during 1920. Daylight holdups, attacks on leading Great White Way hotels and automobile bandits have yielded much of the valuable stolen. As many as 40 robberies and thefts have been featured for a month's acts of violence of note, and six such attempts in a day have been recorded.

Of the more than 100 "unsolved" murders listed by some papers, a number now are nationally, if not internationally, known. Beginning with a killing last New Year's day, 1920's record started on. Conspicuous in the 12 months list were the murders of Joseph B. Elwell, Miss Berle Constance Hoxie, and Frederick C. Becker, all known from coast to coast as a whist expert and

horseman, was shot to death in his handsomely furnished West 70th street home. Miss Hoxie, a 17-year old girl, was found mutilated in her father's house; Eckert, a former government agent and alleged whiskey runner, was found shot dead in an automobile in Staten Island.

In the robberies, organized bands of gunmen have seemed to predominate. Thefts of valuable goods from railroad freight cars, bulking big packing cases, have been considerable. Stolen automobiles have been reported constantly. But holdups of the old time type, by day as well as night, on the streets, in the home, in hotels, where masked and unmasked and unmasked men have taken what they wanted at the point of pistols, have called forth the hue and cry against alleged "inadequate police protection."

Automobile bandits have made off with a number of factory payrolls and banks have seen gunmen walk in and demand money from the safe under penalty of instant death.

All this time the police department has been under fire. Police Commissioner Knight, right bower of the city administration, has been attacked continually in the newspapers because of the prevalence of the gunman.

The commissioner has retorted by asserting that this condition exists elsewhere. To combat it he has lengthened the hours of police duty, called for 500 additional policemen and sent out automobile squads armed with rifles to patrollers.

GURLEYVILLE

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the watch meeting by all who attended. The women of the church served a supper to all, after which there was a Christmas concert and tree, the tree being well loaded with presents for the children. F. C. Smith filled in the time of waiting for the new year by a very interesting talk on how Christmas came to be observed on Dec. 25th.

Miss Ariene Dunham and Mrs. Margaret Walker called on Mrs. Wilfred Young of Mansfield Hollow recently.

Even those who say but little may talk too much.

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ed as needed. Any such gifts may be sent to B. G. Harold Gilpatrick, who will act for the Parent-Teachers' association.

George W. Gilpatrick, who has been seriously ill this week, was reported on Friday as showing some improvement at his home on Fremont street.

Following are the newly elected officers of A. G. Wain's Women's Relief corps: President, Mrs. Lena Munroe; senior vice president, Mrs. Almira Perry; junior vice president, Mrs. Lillie E. Leach; treasurer, Mrs. Ethel C. Hourtelotte; chaplain, Mrs. Ida Kiehart; conductor, Mrs. Hattie Miller; guard, Mrs. Anna T. Abbe; delegate to department convention, Mrs. Mary G. Sherman; alternate, Ethel C. Tourtelotte.

Copies of a new biographical history of Windham county for which material has been collected during the past few years have been received in this city. Allen B. Lincoln, formerly of Williamstown, is the editor of the publication, which is in two volumes. The publication includes biographical sketches of many well known people in county towns much valuable historical matter, all of which has been prepared with care.

The following are tentative dates for extension schools being arranged for Windham county: Abington, February 1-2; Plainfield, February 3-4; Canterbury, February 7 to 10.

Miss Flora Miller has taken up her duties with the Windham County Farmers' association, headquarters in this city, after home demonstration agent. Miss Miller has had varied, practical experience that adapts her for the work she is undertaking. Recently she has worked as one of the extension service staff at the Connecticut Agricultural college, in connection with the milk campaign. She is a graduate of the Connecticut Agricultural college. Her course there included home economics and agriculture and she is experienced in dressmaking.

At the annual meeting of the Woodstock Co-operating association the following officers were elected: President, Dr. G. P. Perley; vice president, S. H.

Peckham; secretary, George H. Hamilton; treasurer, Edward Rollins; directors, William Child, Henry Joy, Arthur Tourtelotte.

The following is the fire record of the past year in Putnam, the largest loss being \$40,000 in the Chickering hotel fire January 15:

Jan. 13-11.15 a. m., Box 42, Bullock street, Wm. St. Onge house, \$300 damage.

14-10.10 a. m., telephone, River road, Kilborn house, no damage.

14-8 p. m., telephone, South Main street, Smith house, no damage.

14-4.30 p. m., telephone, Walnut street, Davis house, no damage.

15-12.35 a. m., telephone and Box 41, Front and Union streets, B. H. and L. Bradley, Chickering house, \$40,000 damage.

16-8.10 a. m., telephone, Sunnyside, Mrs. Stone's house, no damage.

16-10 p. m., telephone, Chickering house, fire broke out in ruins of Chickering house.

17-5.30 a. m., telephone, Railroad street, Bowditch house, no damage.

Feb. 3-11.30 a. m., Box 41, Main street, Egan house, no damage.

12-1.15 p. m., telephone, J. B. Tatem & Son house, \$1000 damage.

13-12.30 p. m., Box 35, Smith street, L. Lavine house, no damage.

25-11 p. m., telephone, Walnut street, Barber house, no damage.

26-1.40 p. m., telephone, Box 35, Church street, Dumas house, no damage.

27-10.20 p. m., Box 24, Powhatan street, Morse-Nightingale house, email damage.

30-3.30 p. m., Box 36, coal chute, N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., small damage.

24-5.30 p. m., Box 34, School and Providence streets, alarm sent in by Mayor Marcy, fire lost.

April 6-11.20 a. m., telephone, Mechanic street, grass.

March 21-8.30 a. m., telephone, South Main street, grass.

24-4.30 p. m., Box 31, S. S. Heights, brush.

25-3 p. m., telephone, Ring street, Dr. Harris house, no damage.

26-6.37 p. m., telephone, School street, LaChance house, no damage.

26-7.35 p. m., telephone, Mechanic street, brush.

May 18-1.30 p. m., telephone, Church street, brush.

19-9.05 p. m., Box 41, supposed fire in Union block, no fire.

20-Telephone, Elm street.

30-Neon, Box 46, Perrin Hill, wood, June 10-11.50, Box 26, false alarm, no fire.

21-3 p. m., telephone, city dump, rubbish, no damage.

23-11.15 p. m., telephone and Box 35, Vander Noort and Providence street, J. Laphams house, slight damage.

July 4-1.30 a. m., Box 41, false alarm, no fire.

31-2.10 a. m., Box 46, 56 Chapel street, V. Chapdelaine house, \$1,000 damage.

Aug. 17-8 p. m., city hall, town of

Putnam, \$1,000 damage.

26-2.30 a. m., telephone, Pomfret, R. Clemens, total loss.

27-3 p. m., Box 34, 44 Cleveland street, Jarvis house, barrel of rubbish.

28-5.40 p. m., telephone, East Putnam, Bowditch Dye Works, total loss.

Sept. 26-11.15 p. m., telephone and Box 25, Mechanic street, Putnam Foundry and Machine Co., \$100 damage.

30-10.45 p. m., Box 41, Wilkinson street, George E. Shaw, no damage.

Oct. 14-10.45 p. m., Box 26, Providence street, Whipple and Gilpatrick, \$200 damage.

21-5.05 p. m., telephone, Canal street, rubbish burning, no loss.

25-10.30 a. m., telephone, S. S. Heights, brush.

Nov. 1-3.45 p. m., Box 12, false alarm, no fire.

11-9 a. m., telephone, Thompson road, C. S. Androm house, no damage.

15-5.50 a. m., telephone, Mechanic street, grass fire.

Dec. 2-1 p. m., telephone, Marshall and Providence streets, Cloutier house, no damage.

2-3.30 p. m., telephone, Church street, Kaminsky house, no damage.

12-1.15 p. m., telephone, School street, L. M. Keith & Sons, \$25 damage.

19-12.30 p. m., telephone, Bridge street, Pearson house, no damage.

23-1.40 p. m., telephone, Woodstock avenue, Huribut house, no damage.

26-8.40 a. m., Box 35, 31 Battery street, R. Bouthillier house, \$95 damage.

LISBON

A social was held at the home of Mrs. Olaf Nelson last Thursday evening, about fifty attending. Games and music were enjoyed and the popular local reader, Frank A. Mell, gave a selection. Candles in the windows sent out a cheery welcome and a prettily decorated Christmas tree reminded those present that the holiday season had not passed.

The annual meeting and roll call of Newent church was held at the parsonage Saturday afternoon, following a social time and lunch. About thirty responded to the roll call. The clerk and treasurer's report showed as usual all bills paid and an encouraging "balance in the treasury. Reports of treasurers of the Sunday school, Ladies' Aid society, Woman's Missionary society were given. All officers were re-elected, trustees for three years, Fred N. Robinson, clerk and treasurer, Frank L. Hyde, auditor, James H. Kennedy.

Mrs. C. A. Mell entertained New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. George Thornton and family of Jewett City.

Mrs. J. H. Kennedy had as guests on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Kennedy and Miss Florence Kennedy of Preston. Mr. and Mrs. Torrey and family of Central Village, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kanashan and Miss Mabel Kanashan of this place.

Miss Clara Hyde returned home Tuesday after a visit of several days with relatives in Norwich.

Mrs. J. P. Richardson of Pachaug was a guest Tuesday at the parsonage.

RICHMOND

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thayer have moved from Glen Beck back to Acadia.

Catherine Smith accompanied Fannie and Philip Moore to Providence the latter part of the week to see their sister, who is in the Rhode Island hospital.

Mrs. Hazel Congdon has gone to live with L. Joelin for the winter.

Dr. Kenyon of Kingston made a business call at the Moore homestead Monday. Miss Mary Torrey returned to her home in New Haven after a week's visit with her aunt at Hilldale. Her sister, Catherine Rowan, will stay for a while.

Most Browning has purchased a new machine.

Mrs. F. Smyth returned to her home in Newport Wednesday after several weeks' stay here with her daughter.

Bert Woodmansee, who has been staying at the Moore homestead for a while, has left for Providence.

Middletown.—Visits made by the district nurses during December reached the large number of 1732.

CANTERBURY GREEN

Schools in town opened this week.

The holiday vacation.

A teachers' meeting was held at the Green Tuesday. Mrs. Greer, the supervisor, was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Prink attended the opening of the legislature at Hartford this week and were at the governors' ball Wednesday evening.

Mr. Prink is one of the five women representatives elected in this state.

Mrs. Chauncey Prink and Mrs. Thad Wilson have been ill with bronchitis.

Recent callers at William Towne's were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towne, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Monroe of Norwich. Fred Gardiner, a nephew, also has been a guest of Mr. Towne.

Mrs. Herbert Graves visited over Sunday with her brother, Fred Safford.

The Ladies' Aid society held a meeting with Mrs. Nelson Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance. The next gathering will be held in two weeks with Mrs. Nelson Lyon.

Mrs. Edward Lovell is enjoying a visit of several weeks at Haddamuck, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyde of Brooklyn moved Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Prink.

The first regular grange meeting of the year was held Wednesday evening. At the close of the business session a belated Christmas tree yielded gifts for all. A social hour followed with refreshments of cake, coffee and popcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Herr of Hyde street have been entertaining Mrs. Lee Herr, his wife and little daughter of Somers over the holidays.

At the Exeter homestead guests for the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and son of Danielson, and Lucius Exley of Providence.

Benjamin Cornell has come to Riverpoint, where he is employed in the garage of his brother-in-law, Stanley Moore.

The death of Mrs. Frances C. G. Smith, 89, of Black Hill occurred in Pomfret at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Everett E. Brown, Jan. 1, after a short illness. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Pomfret.

Funeral services were held at the family cemetery at Black Hill. Mrs. Smith was a most respected resident of this vicinity and all regret her passing away.

ATTAWAUGAN

The Men's Social club held the first meeting of the year Monday evening. The election of officers resulting as follows: Albert Robinson, president; Walter E. Fessell, vice president; John Howard, recording secretary; John Peachie, financial secretary; Charles Blackman, treasurer; Walter Robinson, Albert Reeves and Alvin Carabault, auditors; Albert Robinson, C. H. Truesdell, Albert Reeves, John Howard, Alvin Carabault and Benjamin Taft, executive committee.

The mill runs three days a week.

School opened this week after a week's vacation.

Mr. Appleby of Jewett City is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Walter Primmell.

Members of the Ladies' Social club and a few guests went to Oxford, Mass., New Year's eve, where they attended a dance.

Mrs. George Condon is recovering from injuries sustained by a fall.

Miss Dorothy Howatt was presented a \$2.50 gold piece and a box of chocolates by the girls in the spelling room. She goes to Boston next week to train for a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sweeney of Manchaug visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackman.

Miss Elizabeth Fleming of Norwich visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mitchell last week.

Mrs. Emma Weaver called on Mrs. Frank Hopkins in Danielson Saturday.

Clayton Brown of Maine is visiting his parents here.

Clement Bonin has moved from the basement of Peter Morse's block to the second floor.

PLAINFIELD

The meeting of Plainfield grange, No. 140, P. of H. of H. was held Monday evening in Grange hall with Worthy Master William S. Exley in the chair. After regular business Deputy Installing Officer Mrs. Addie Hyde, assisted by Mr. Hyde of Brookfield grange, No. 48, and Sister Miss Smith of Bethlehem grange, No. 121, installed the following officers: Master, Edward Hull; overseer, Ella Gardner; lecturer, George H. Dawley; steward, William Hall; assistant steward, Edward E. Dawley; treasurer, Jason P. Lathrop; secretary, Carrie Gardner; chaplain, Myrtice Brown; gatekeeper, George A. Kennedy; Ceres, Evelyn Hudson; Pomona, Ethel M. Dawley; Flora, Ethel Louise Kennedy; lady assistant steward, Annie Exley; executive committee for three years, William Exley. About 35 were present, including visitors from Brookfield, Pachaug, Bethlehem, Conn. and Kiski-muit, R. I. grange. Remarks were made by visitors, after which an oyster stew, cake and coffee were served in the hall by the committee.

A large number of members of Protection lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., attended the installation Thursday evening in the hall at Central Village. The officers were installed by District Deputy, Edward P. Ashley of this village. Everett L. Dawley of Plainfield was installed as noble grand for this year. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

CANTERBURY PLAINS

There was no service at the M. P. church last Sunday on account of the serious illness of Mr. St. John's wife.

Mrs. John St. John died Sunday at the home of friends in Moscow from pneumonia. Her funeral was held Tuesday at the M. P. church in Moscow at 1 o'clock. Much sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband.

Mrs. Henry Williams is more comfortable.

John Grabb has returned to Providence after spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bushnell have returned home from Plainfield where they have been spending the holidays.

The local people who work at Plainfield mill went to work Monday morning after a vacation of a week. They are working 35 hours a week at present.

Canterbury grange had a New Year's tree Wednesday evening which was enjoyed by everyone present. Cake, coffee, popcorn and apples were served at the close of the grange meeting.

John Stanton, who has been ill at the home of Mrs. Henry Williams, is able to be out.

WEST KINGSTON

Amos H. Kenyon and family of Providence, who came to spend New Year's with Mr. Kenyon's parents, were called to New Jersey by the serious illness of Mrs. Kenyon's father, Stewart Denham, of Caldwell, N. J., who died Tuesday at 4 p. m. after an illness of less than a week with pneumonia.

Many around here are suffering from colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Watson spent New Year's with Exeter relatives.

Lee Himes of Exeter was a caller here recently.

The boys of the Sunday school are planning to hold a supper for the benefit of the church.

Collinsville.—Curiosity caused the death of a valuable mare belonging to A. St. Cushing of Collinsville. She was always wondering what was stored upstairs. The other day when Mr. Cushing visited the barn the horse was missing. He thought it had been stolen. But he heard a noise in the loft and going up found the mare with her feet in a chute and so badly injured that she had to be killed.



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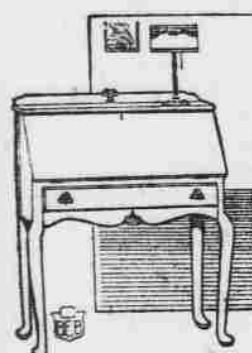
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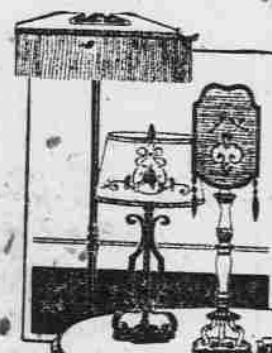
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